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Town Meeting Approves 7 Articles



AT LAST WEEK'S POORLY ATTENDED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, Robert Gunshanen moved to amend the ordinance to establish a Permanent Building Commission, asking for the proposed commission's reports be included in with the annual town reports. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

By Connie Davis

Suffield: All seven articles on the town warrant received unanimous approval from Suffield voters at Tuesday night's special town meeting.

The town meeting, attended by some 24 Suffield citizens, concluded after 54 minutes, having invoked little discussion from townsfolk.

Among items unanimously approved was the adoption of an ordinance establishing a Permanent Building Commission. According to this ordinance, the commission will be "generally responsible for the planning, construction, and renovation of public buildings" and will consist of seven electors, one of whom will be the First Selectman, who will serve ex officio.

Although no names were mentioned, Second Selectman Donald Robinson noted that his board hopes to fill seats on the new commission with a member of the Zoning and Planning Board, an individual from the financial community, three people from the building trades and the remainder with average citizens.

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Local Mental Health Services Varied

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Over 200 local residents have been serviced by the Westfield Area Mental Health and Retardation Board in the last year with "business increasing," according to what board director Kerry Holland told Southwick selectmen at their meeting last Wednesday.

Selectmen met with Holland to discuss what the mental health board was doing for Southwick and to determine which, if any, services overlapped with School Department functions. Selectmen plan to present a level budget of \$1,785 in this account for town meeting approval this year.

Holland noted 36 different services, including residences, which are available to Southwick citizens. In the area of mental retardation, the school system is responsible until a child reaches 22 years of age, and then the mental health board takes over with vocational training, workshops, and residences.

Serious emotional, behavioral, and family problems that schools cannot handle are also referred to Holland's board.

He thanked the town for the "warm response" displayed at the recent open house at the Sheep Pasture Road home for retarded men. He indicated that he was open to discussion of any problems with the mental health program locally.

Public Hearing Held On Class II License Request

After a public hearing, selectmen took under advisement the application of Wayne Guiel for a Class II license to repair and sell used cars at the former's Camin's Garage on College Highway.

Guiel told selectmen he had removed the old cars from the location and had consulted with the Conservation Commission.

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"Good News Surrounds Us"

Board Of Ed. Holds Budget Public Hearings

Suffield: By Connie Davis

At public hearings on the School Department budget held last Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Elizabeth Mavis, chairman of the Board of Education's budget subcommittee, reviewed the \$5,541,907 budget for those in attendance.

According to Board Chairman Robert Newman, of the twenty people attending last Tuesday night's public hearing, seventeen were school administrators or staff. Six people attended the similar Thursday night session, including two teachers and three members of the Board of Finance.

Mrs. Mavis explained that, while the proposed budget is 8.3% larger than the current budget, her subcommittee had reduced the budget as originally submitted by over \$163,000.

Salaries for all employees account for about 70% of the budget, or about \$3.9 million. Salary and benefit increases recently negotiated for teachers total \$320,445.

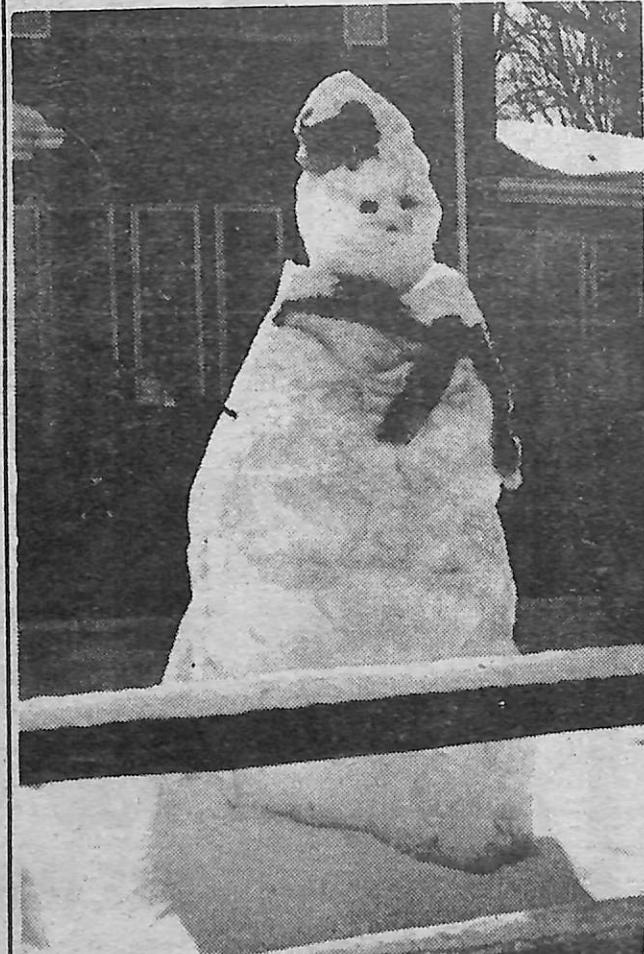
Mrs. Mavis also detailed other categories of the budget, including purchased services and supplies. On the list of new equipment to be purchased are several Apple computers, tape recorders and a slide projector.

Judy Fisher of the high school's Media Center asked board members to consider her request for two color video cassette recorders. She noted that, of the two in use now, one is obsolete and the other quite old. Both use black and white film.

She said one teacher is currently loaning his personal equipment to staff, but this service will not be available next year. Besides, she pointed out, "it's so outdated not to have color video cassette recorders."

Plans call for the proposed budget to be submitted to the Board of Finance by March 26th.

Not Long To Live...



IS FROSTY THE SNOWMAN, at the corner of Feedin Hills & Carmin Roads in Southwick, doomed to extinction soon? Photo by John Loftus.



AT THE OLDIES DANCE held recently at the Southwick Rec. Center as a joint project with the Boost Our Southwick Schools organization, Cindy Meany-Massai, right, of the Rec. Center presented a check for \$500 from her group to B.O.S.S. President Carol Rahaim, left, and Vice-President Les Carpenter. Advertiser/News Photo by Andi Phelps

Rec Center Gives \$500 To B.O.S.S.

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The Southwick Recreation Center, in an attempt to develop a better image in the community, recently donated \$500 to the Boost Our Southwick Schools (B.O.S.S.) organization.

Buck Kilgore of the Rec. Center's board of directors said "We have gotten bogged down with fundraisers and do not want to be known primarily for our bingo and Las Vegas nights. Working with B.O.S.S. seems a good way to get started."

Kilgore pointed out that both groups have the same objective: to provide activities for local youth. According to him, in a town like Southwick unlike in cities, kids have to be transported to entertainment as there are few places most kids can get to by themselves. He emphasized that now, more than ever, with the decrease in school funds for extracurricular activities, the Rec. Center must become more available to the youth of town.

Besides working with B.O.S.S. and allowing them the use of the Rec. Center building, the center is also planning to expand its sports program and to branch out into other areas as well.

Beginning March 7th, first-run movies will be offered on Sunday afternoons for a minimum charge. An aerobic dance class for women is also being planned, as is a family-oriented tennis program. Men's volleyball may also be reactivated.

Another idea under consideration is holding youth dances at the center, possibly with the cooperation of B.O.S.S.

The current sports program includes soccer and basketball for both boys and girls. About 450 children participate in summer baseball, softball, kickball, and T-ball programs. In order to upgrade these programs, the Rec. Center hopes to hire professional referees and umpires, positions which are presently filled by volunteers.

"Our idea," said Kilgore, "is to offer more activities, and, therefore, get more participation. With more participation, we hope to get more volunteers to help in our programs, either in coaching, fundraising, or just for ideas."

Kilgore indicated the center is now severely limited in manpower with only fourteen members on the board. "We can get a crew of seventy to help on Las Vegas nights, but we would like an all-around core group of about thirty or forty people," he said.

The Southwick Recreation Center is a completely volunteer, non-profit group and does not receive town funds for its operation. Volunteers for all types of projects are welcome.

Kilgore explained, "We want varied ideas from several sources available in town. We need fundraisers, business persons, and anyone willing to work with kids. No experience is necessary."

The board hopes to get high school students involved in an afternoon program that would allow the building to remain open on a daily basis. These teens could work with their peers or with younger children, teaching games and assuming responsibility for the use of the building.

"Our dream" said Kilgore, "is to equip and open the mezzanine area. Plans include pool tables, game room, and reading room, among other things, but that will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, which seems out of reach right now."

Mental Health, From Page 1

He noted that the commission had requested him not to remove the tires near the brook until the snow melted and they could determine if the tires were holding up part of the bank.

Selectman Chairman John Viel told those present that, even though the garage was located in a flood-plain area, they could not close the business or destroy the building. Similar businesses have been located on that site prior to wetlands regulations being adopted.

Viel said, "Guel may not be able to comply 100% with regulations, but there can be a compromise to satisfy the law. Extreme violations, such as pouring oil into the brook or improper location of vehicles, will not be tolerated."

Selectmen cautioned Guel, should he receive the license, to consult with town boards before changing anything on the property.

Other Action Taken

In other business, the board appointed three auxiliary policemen - Thomas J. Davis, James Brown, and Robert Snow - for Civil Defense for one year. The Civil Defense group plans for \$240, primarily designated for equipment, to be voted on at town meeting.

Selectmen granted a hawkers' and peddlers' license to Linwood Olsen of Granville Road to sell fresh shrimp and seafood from his vehicle. A condition of the license is that Olsen notify the Board of Health of the date and location of his selling one day prior to its occurring so they could conduct routine inspections.

Selectmen also extended permission to John Mooney of Discount Soda to operate three video games at his College Highway location. Selectman Russell Fox indicated that Mooney's proposed use will comply with a planned by-law and will involve limited hours of operation.

Census Nearly Completed

Southwick: Town Clerk Barbara Pooler wants to remind residents that the annual town census is nearly completed. Persons not yet contacted by a census taker should notify the clerk's office at 569-5504.

Failure to be listed on the census can result in names being dropped from the voting list and loss of other resident privileges, she said. The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Monday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Commissioners Take First Step Towards Elderly Housing

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Zoning and Planning Commissioners approved two amendments last week, a first step toward probable construction of private housing for the elderly and handicapped in town.

Regulations exist that waive minimum requirements in the case of public housing owned and operated by a government agency. The necessary amendments add housing "limited to the exclusive use of the elderly or handicapped."

Attorney John Wyzik had requested such amendments in January for clients Ann, Laura, and Lynn Daddario. The parcel of land on which such housing may be built is on Bridge Street.

Construction of apartments in town, which must be within the planned development zone, presently requires a minimum of ten acres. A public hearing will be held in April to address the issue of zone change, allowing use of the Daddario property for private housing.

In recommending the amendments, Attorney Wyzik said that such change falls within comprehensive plans for the town. He noted that within the past twelve months, there have been 38 applications for single units as well as five applications for double units on a waiting list for municipal housing.

Between Laurel Court and Maple Court, Housing Authority oversees fifty apartments for the elderly at present. Attorney Wyzik noted that the Bridge Street location of the Courts and the proposed site is near the center of town, an important feature for elderly housing.

"Our zoning ordinance doesn't speak to elderly housing," Wyzik said, explaining that changing circumstances make change necessary. The proposed amendment puts a "handle on" elderly housing, Wyzik added.

The board unanimously approved the amendments and will evaluate any future elderly housing plans on a case-by-case basis.

In other business, the request of John Barry, a South Main Street resident, for a zone change was scheduled for the March 15th hearing. Barry seeks a change from R25 to R15 for ten acres behind St. Joseph's Church in order to build single family homes.

Finally, as advised by Town Counsel Charles Alfano, commissioners agreed to the recommendation that regulations be amended to allow amusement devices in accessory use. Specifications agreed on include allowing a maximum of three machines at each location and a \$20 annual fee for each machine.

If this amendment is approved, each amusement device shall be registered with the building inspector as to type, ownership, and location.

SPCA Cracks Down On Cruelty To Horses On Southwick Farm

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is looking for homes for three horses which have been signed over to the society's care.

According to Richard LeBlond of the S.P.C.A., the animals were taken from a South Loomis Street farm owned by John O'Shaughnessy because of improper care and feeding. He said five other horses in similar state of neglect must be sold by the owner within six weeks, by the society's order.

The three horses - a two-year-old colt, three-year-old colt, and eight-year-old pregnant mare - are in serious condition, according to LeBlond. He said, however, there should be no problem bringing them back with "tender, loving care."

The mare is due to foal within a month. LeBlond added that the foal may need to be bottle fed if the mother can not produce enough milk because of her condition. All three animals are several hundred pounds underweight.

The matter came to the S.P.C.A.'s attention through a routine inspection of the animals. LeBlond said he originally planned court action, but felt the time involved would be fatal to the animals. He said talking to the owner "did no good."

Besides taking the three horses and forcing the sale of five others, S.P.C.A. is demanding the owner agree not to board horses in the future, LeBlond said.

The animals are now under the care of Jean Cass. of Forster Road and her 4-H group. Because of the limited resources of the S.P.C.A., the group is looking for prospective owners with the facilities to care for these abused animals. Meanwhile the society is encouraging donations for their care.

Interested persons are asked to call the Springfield animal shelter, 736-2992 and ask for LeBlond or Marybeth Sonski.

Travelogue Benefits B.O.S.S.

Mrs. Priscilla Buy will present a travelogue on her adventures in the Far East aboard the brigantine "Yankee" at a special event on Marh 6th at Southwick High School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Illustrations and anecdotes of Ms. Buy's 18-month, 40,000 mile voyage will be presented in a fundraising effort to benefit the Boost Our Southwick Schools organization.

Tickets for adults will be \$2 and for students, \$1. They may be purchased at the door.

For further information, call Barbara Carpenter at 569-5034.

Two For The Heart...



SOUTHWICK'S FAMOUS CHILDREN pose for this photo on February 20th at Chez Josef in Agawam during the annual Heart Fund Ball. Holding a bouquet of roses is Western Mass. Heart Princess Kari Davis. Kari's brother John (right) entertained the crowd with a fine singing voice. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Skating Event Cancelled

The Suffield Jaycees have announced that weather conditions again forced them to cancel a skating event at Sunrise Park which had already been rescheduled once. It was impossible for them to notify the public on such short notice, and the Jaycees would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused.

The event will not be rescheduled this winter, but will be planned for next year.

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Bill Steinka, president of the Jaycees, has announced that plans are being made for the Suffield Oktoberfest to be held September 10-12.

Any interested organization or party may contact the Jaycees for further information.

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Illness Won't Get Joan Down!

Joan Randolph of Depot Court does not like to be idle. "I have to be on the go and try to do as many things as I did before my illness," she states, referring to a heart attack that she suffered last November.

Because of her bounce-back attitude, Joan's recovery has been considered extremely quick by her doctor. Next month, she plans to return to her full-time volunteer duties as chairman of the Southwick Council on Aging.

Since Joan moved to Southwick five years ago, she has been a leader in senior citizen activities. The council takes up most of her volunteer time, although she has also served as a recording secretary of the Senior Citizens' Club.

As chairman of the council, it is Joan's job to organize activities and classes, prepare annual budgets and solicit funds from local groups to supplement the town's allotment for senior services. Joan appreciates support from groups such as the Southwick Lions Club and Southwick Grange because it helps with activities which would otherwise not be possible.

One example is the monthly birthday party which is a favorite event at the Senior Center on Point Grove Road. With donations, Joan is able to buy small gifts for the birthday guests as well as to offer decorated cakes furnished by the Southwick Women's Club.

Soon Joan will begin plans to organize the open house at the Senior Center which will be held in May - Senior Citizens' Month. Joan hopes that a great many of the town's older residents will take the opportunity to see all that is available at the council's headquarters on Point Grove Road.

Joan has devoted a great deal of time to learn about available government funding for seniors. Together with Dorothy Flagg, secretary-treasurer of the council, Joan has brought in extra money, including enough to purchase a bus for transporting Southwick seniors to and from activities.

The craft classes available at the center are another result of Joan's efforts. Joan sought out qualified instructors for the classes and was a participant in several of the classes. She has many attractive craft items around her home that she created in these classes.

Joan considers her membership in the Christ Lutheran Church in Southwick as the most important activity in her life. Her commitment to Bible studies began as a young girl when her mother, suffering from terminal cancer, read through the Bible with Joan. "I have continued since then because you can never know too much about the Bible," Joan adds.



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Her involvement with the church, headed by Pastor John Fritz, one of Joan's favorite people, also extends to acting as chairman of the Evangelism Committee. This group visits members of the parish with various needs. Joan has also taught confirmation classes and summer Bible school.

Joan is a New York native, where she and her husband, James, operated a leather business for many years. Now a widow, Joan has three children: Robert, Ronald, and Mrs. Joanne Ingalls. She has seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary Ann Ardison, a fellow church member and friend of Joan's, feels Joan is quite remarkable because she is "always active and always looking for something to do." One of the things Joan would like to do most is travel to Milan, Italy to see cousins she has kept in close contact with for over 50 years since they left New York to return to their homeland.

"I would also like to fly a plane myself, but my children absolutely forbid it," she teases. Joan seriously concluded that while she was in the hospital, she got so many cards and flowers that she thanked God for allowing her to lead a full and happy life.



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Young Miss Contest Slated In Suffield

The Future Jaycees of Suffield will sponsor the first annual Suffield's Young Miss Contest on March 14th in the auditorium of Suffield High School at 2 p.m. Admission will be \$1 for adults with children under 12 admitted free.

All Suffield girls between the ages of 4 and 7 are eligible. A \$5 application fee is required, and due to the tremendous response, the application deadline has been extended to March 7th.

Prizes will be awarded to everyone. First prize is a bicycle; second prize, \$25; and third prize, a Crayola play kit. All contestants will receive a free Happy Meal at McDonald's and a pass to the Village Cinema.

Contestants will be judged in the following categories: 1) Sunday Best; 2) Pajama; 3) Bathing suit; 4) Talent or response to questions.

Applications are available at various locations in town. For further information, call Susan Osowiecki at 668-5392.

Council Of Churches Sponsors Lenten Ecumenical Service

Suffield: The first ecumenical service of the Lenten season sponsored by the Suffield Council of Churches will be held Sunday, March 7th, at the Second Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

In place of the traditional sermon, the Trinity Players will present a liturgical operetta, "On the Road to Emmaus." Originally, the Trinity Players formed themselves out of the parish of Trinity Church on the green in New Haven to present occasional dramatic and musical works. Gradually they developed their own repertory and now travel extensively in the New England area.

The Trinity Players' repertoire includes liturgical operettas, a full classical musical setting of the Rite II Communion Service, and Neil Olsen's dramatization of "The Grand Inquisitor" and "The Potting Shed."

A coffee hour in Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

Library Slates Book Discussion

Copies of John Gardner's "The Sunlight Dialogues" are now available at the Kent Memorial Library for the upcoming book discussion slated for March 4th at 7:30 p.m.

The central plot of the book concerns the noble, but somewhat confused quest of a police chief to get hold of and, more importantly, understand a strange musician called the Sunlight Man. Gardner is a contemporary writer.

The book discussion group is open to all who enjoy sharing their thoughts about books. Upcoming selections are made by the group.

To get a copy of "Sunlight Dialogues," stop by the circulation desk. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month.

Suffield Garden Club To Meet

The Suffield Garden Club will meet on Monday, March 1st, at 12:30 p.m. at Kent Memorial Library.

William E. Doty will be the guest speaker on the topic of "Wild Flowers in New England." He will give a slide presentation. Doty is a member of the Photographic Society of America, Nature Division, and a Three-Star Exhibitor in nature.

Co-chairmen of the meeting are Mrs. Kenneth Krueger and Mrs. Thomas P. Landers.

SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

A corned beef and cabbage luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. It will cost \$2.50 and be held at Maple Court Hall. For reservations call 668-0238. Seating is limited, and all must have reservations.

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PRE-SCHOOLERS show off the Bee bracelets made after this week's story hour on bees & honey making at the Southwick Library. From left; Ricky Taylor, Laurie Massoni, Adam Dupont, Kathryn Davis, Eric Brodalski, Tristan Lawrence, Mark Grosse, Larissa Storozuk and Tyson Lawrence. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Library Expands Story-Hour

By Valeria Melloni

Southwick: Thanks to the volunteer efforts of three Southwick mothers, the pre-school story hour program at the Southwick Library has been extended from three to five months.

Every other Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., preschoolers are taken on a trip through storybook land at the town's library, located on the corner of College Highway and Granville Road.

The guides for these "trips" are three young mothers who have pre-schoolers of their own. Margo Storozuk, Kathy Massoni, and Marie Hawthorne will be presenting their next story hour on March 10th.

The program initially scheduled to conclude at the end of March has been extended through the month of May because of the positive response generated.

Mrs. Storozuk discussed her idea of a story-hour with librarian Mary Willimas, who approved wholeheartedly and has assisted the women in planning the new program.

"Our main goal is to introduce the pre-schooler and his parents to the children's library along with providing a fun-filled activity," states Mrs. Storozuk.

The three women take turns creating the activities and leading the story hours, which are basically geared for three- and four-year-olds. The activities take place in the children's section of the library, which is equipped with a small table and chair set, a blackboard/bulletin board, and a papier mache cheetah who "guards" the children.

If the pre-schooler seems shy or apprehensive about joining the group, his/her mother may be asked to stay in the children's section. Once the child adjusts and feels comfortable with his new friends and surroundings, the mother may either stay upstairs in the main section or may even leave the premises for the hour.

After the story is read aloud, children are asked to make a craft item relating to the story. Materials used for these crafts are generally supplied by the library and the "Friends of the Library" organization.

The Friends of the Library is a group of townspeople who have donated their time and/or money to the library. They also raise funds to go directly for the purchase of books and other equipment and supplies.

"There is no advance notice necessary to get your pre-schooler involved in the story hours," says Mrs. Storozuk. "Also, if any mothers are willing to volunteer their time, they may leave their names at the library. Newcomers are always welcome."



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EDITORIAL

What's Your Excuse???

Last Tuesday evening, we attended Suffield's special town meeting, held in the Sisson Memorial Auditorium of the Suffield High School (one might presume in order to accommodate as many of the 5,913 registered voters who might also be in attendance.)

Arriving a few minutes early, we were delighted, and annoyed, to find the school parking lot filled with cars. After finding a parking spot a good distance from the building, we proceeded to the auditorium post-haste.

As we walked past the school's athletic wing, shouts of excitement overflowed the gymnasium through an open door, and we peeked in briefly, noting that tonight was the big night for the Wildcats. If they lost this game against Granby, they would be eliminated from NCCC competition. Both bleachers were filled with enthusiastic supporters, but we hurried on promising ourselves we'd stop back to hear the outcome.

Upon entering the auditorium, we were immediately **overwhelmed** by the vast number of unoccupied seats! Feeling tremendously disappointed, and somewhat shocked, we easily found seats among the other 18 people in the audience.

We could not help but wonder about the important events which were keeping Suffield voters from participating in their own democratic processes.

Were Suffield's concerned citizens down the street attending the school budget hearing at Spaulding School? That could account for about two dozen individuals. Were voters, indeed, next door watching the crucial basketball game, hoping to get over to the town meeting as soon as they could? Two people joined the audience at the game's conclusion.

Or were the voters of Suffield in their homes watching television, leaving all their decision-making rights in the hands of 24 fellow citizens???

Many items of major impact to the community were voted on at the special town meeting. Would you have voted, for example, that the town **should establish** a Permanent Building Commission whose powers and responsibilities could have a profound effect on your life and tax dollars?

We certainly hope you would have voted "yes," for by your absence, you allowed **less than one half of one percent** of your fellow citizens to decide for you.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Southwick School Lunches

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Mon., March 1: Hamburger on roll, French fries, chilled fruit, milk

Tues., March 2: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, applecrisp OR baked frankfurter, oven baked beans, applecrisp, milk

Wed., March 3: Lasagna, tossed green salad, French bread, fruit jello, milk

Thurs., March 4: Juice, cold cut grinder, lettuce, tomato, pudding w/topping, milk

Fri., March 5: Cheese pizza, Popeye salad, fruit, milk

Woodland School

Monday: Same

Tuesday: Chicken vegetable soup, tuna salad sandwich, vegetable sticks, cheese cubes, brownies, milk

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, buttered green beans, bread sticks, fruit jello, milk

Thursday: Juice, bologna & cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, pudding w/topping, milk

Friday: Same

20-20 Club Winners

Southwick: The Southwick High School Band Parents announce the winners this week in their 20-20 Club.

Don and Sue Lever of Southwick won \$50; Barbara Koivisto of Southwick, \$30; and Dorothy Sleeper of Southwick, \$20.

Bazaar Committee To Meet

Southwick: The Children's Christmas Bazaar Committee will hold a brief meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd, from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Woodland School cafeteria.

All volunteers are well and are asked to bring a list of items they wish to make and the supplies they will need. The committee is hoping to see some new faces and hear some new ideas.

Proceeds from this annual event help Southwick children have the extras that the school budget cannot provide.

Valley Press Club Offers Scholarship

James E. Fiola of Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, chairman of the Valley Press Club Scholarship Committee, has announced it will award scholarship aid again this year. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning and a career in newspaper or other print media journalism, radio and/or television, films, public relations, news photography, or advertising.

Students' academic grades, SAT scores, rank in class, and awards will be considered as well as career goals. Emphasis will be given to any prior experience during high school years in the communications field; for example, school newspaper or yearbook.

Students may obtain forms from guidance counselors or by writing James Fiola, c/o Friendly Ice Cream Corp., 1855 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095. Application deadline is April 15th.



PACKING FOR THEIR WINTER VACATION BAND CAMP TRIP to Timber Trails Girl Scout Camp in Tolland are, from left to right, Band Director Ernest DeNapoli, Matt LeFebure, Band President Chris Camara, and Band Secretary Michele Sak. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

"All Outdoors" For Southwick Band Pupils

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: While many students were looking for ways to fill their days during school vacation week, members of the Southwick High School Band participated in a "band camp" in Tolland.

The three-day program, named CRASH for Concentrated Rehearsal and Special Happening, included an outing at the Timber Trails Girl Scout Camp. Under the leadership of Band Director Ernest DeNapoli, 47 band members, several chaperones, and some special guests joined together for an intense period of musical practice, recreational activity, and communication skill-building.

Since the high school band is made up of four age groups, there is always room for more openness and better understanding among individuals. Upon arrival, the band students engaged in group dynamics, including non-verbal games. Through the efforts of Dave Pulaski, a photographer and band parent, the "ice breaking" was easy.

Pulaski filmed the students' initial activities on video cassette. Once the tape was played and some laughs exchanged, the business at hand - organization and music - could be accomplished.

Of the two buildings available at the campsite, the larger one became the cooking headquarters, girls' dormitory, and general practice area. The smaller building housed the boys and any smaller groups that might have needed separate rehearsal time.

Most area bands gear up in the fall for football season, but because of Southwick's full spring musical schedule, the February vacation week is ideal for their intensive rehearsal efforts.

The program included musical workshops on French horn, offered by Tom Gannon, and on trumpet, conducted by Mike Curran. Although several hours a day were devoted to actual band practice, there was still time for outdoor recreation, such as cross country skiing and skating.

Meals were paid for and prepared by the Southwick High Band Parents' Club. This club provides funds for many such events.

President of this support group Rita Sak and another member, Sue Lever, who is also a registered nurse, spent all three days at the camp. Other parents divided their time as cooks and chaperones with at least twelve adults present at all times.

Students conducted candy and magazine drives to help defray the cost of the camping facilities. DeNapoli said, "This kind of event could not take place without the band parents. With their help, it is easier for me to let my imagination go and be creative with the band."

Since the school budget does not finance any of the band's activities, March plans include an exchange concert with the Indian River High School band of Delaware. Also slated are a dinner dance at the Southwick Recreation Center and a pops concert at the high school.

The vacation camping experience was beneficial to the band members who attended, as it offered them sufficient practice time, good food, and a pleasant atmosphere.

DeNapoli observed, "It is nice to have the kind of kids we have in the band, so I feel I want to spend three days of my vacation with them."

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Southwick Guidance Report

By Bernard Hagan

Southwick High School Guidance Office has extended its hours for the benefit of working parents who are unable to meet with guidance counselors during regular school hours and who would like to discuss the program of studies for 1982-83 which their son(s)/daughter(s) have selected. Grades 9-11 are primarily concerned. The extended hours are for Monday, March 1 - 6:30-8:30 P.M. Please call the high school guidance department if you wish an appointment. (413) 569-3011.

Our congratulations to the following students of Southwick High who have been accepted for admission to their respective colleges.

Brenda Besaw, Holyoke Community College

Donna Griffin, Bay Path Jr. College

Todd Breton, Barrington College.

Laurie Christiansen, Berkshire Community College

Nina Cluley, Holyoke Community College

Southwick High seniors seeking financial and postsecondary education should be aware that the following scholarship offerings have listed deadline application dates of March 1st to April 1st:

The American Legion Auxiliary State Scholarship, The American Legion Auxiliary National President's Scholarship, Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, The Sherman H. Bowles Scholarship, and the Mensa Education & Research Foundation Scholarship.

Please obtain information and applications in the Guidance Office.

A representative from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy will visit Southwick High on March 3rd at 9:00 A.M.

Suffield School Lunch Menus

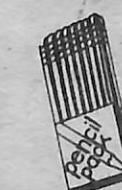
Mon., March 1: Shells with meat sauce, green beans, whole wheat biscuit, peaches, milk

Tues., March 2: Hamburger in roll, steamed brown rice, corn, fruit cup, milk

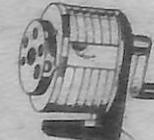
Wed., March 3: Tomato soup, ham & cheese McMuffin, vegetable sticks, chocolate pudding or fruit, milk

Thurs., March 4: Pork & gravy, noodles, hot French bread, chopped broccoli, applesauce sundae, milk

Fri., March 5: Baked pollock with cheese, buttered potatoes, peas, rye bread, fudge bars, milk



SUFFIELD 2nd Term Honor Roll



GRADE 6

High Honors: Sheila Cain, Richard Cicero, Kirstii Compton, Dana Daddario, Tammy DiTomaso, Jennifer Dowd, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Peter Horan, John Karanian, Scott Monty, Nicole Orr, Marc Schmidt, Suzanne Stolzenberg, Kathy Sullivan, Jennifer Wilson, and Michael Winiarski.

General Honors: Joe Bombard, Karen Broadhurst, Darryl Colson, Sarah Condon, Stacia Cottone, Sandra Crain, Robert Cyr, Giuliana DiFelice, Robyn DiGenaro, Dawn Eddy, Krista Engler, James Farguhar, Deborah Fitch, Jennifer Fleury, Luther Frey,

Also, Stacy Galiatsos, Trov Gifford, Christa Gregory, Jacklyn Hinckley, David Humiston, Rikki Jazisek, Sandra Jolie, Robert Klesczewski, Michael Kreps, Laurie Kupau, Jennifer Lee, Joe Lessard, Clofe Llagas, Jennifer Long, Eric Marc, Jackie Marchitto,

Also, Trisha Markowski, Kim Murzyn, Shannon Nameth, Noel Osowiecki, Kim Palmer, Doug Petillo, Chris Piejko, Pat Purdy, Kim Ridel, Pam Ryan, Lisa Schatz, Karen Smith, William Stevenson, Jeff Strole, Steve Turner, Peter Varholak, Ken Waite, John Watters, John Woodsworth

GRADE 7

High Honors: Chris Alaimo, Todd Arciszewski, Colleen Bland, Patricia Carroll, Gary Colson, Ann Newman, and Charles Schulte

General Honors: Joe Bazzano, John Bikowski, Wendy Birmingham, Marty Boehm, Bruan Boyd, Alfred Charman, Amy Davis, Suzanne Estee, Sara Fitch, Mike Fitzgerald, Suzanne Gale, Whitney Graham, Scott Heflon, Natalie Hoar, Kathy Holbrook, Lincoln Hugo,

Also, Kristin Hynes, Colleen Kavanaugh, Karen Knapps, Greg Lyon, Robb Macdonald, Erin Magnuson, Debbie Mancini, Neil McCullagh, Erik Mercer, Richard Miner, Kristin Montgomery, Sara Morrison, Kelli Munday, Paul Murphy, Susan Naughton, Greg Norcross,

Also, Karen Parsons, Marion Patti, Michael Pender, Colleen Potemski, Jennifer Poulin, Randall Raine, Cynthia Roberts, Susan Roche, Bruce Roy, Rod Sherman, Liza Sitterly, Eric Stolzenberg, Kim Straite, Brian Strniste, Stephen Sznajder, Andrew Terry, Stephen VanSchaick, and Gregg Waterman.

GRADE 8

High Honors: Kristen Chamberlain, Yvette DeRamus, Patrice Miner, Kristen Kling, and Laurie Palmer

General Honors: Darcy Case, MaryEllen Currie, Michelle DeChesser, Suzy Egolf, Ralph Gedney, Meg Glime, Kelly Glynn, Callie Gooch, Dawn Herndon, Julie Hinckley, Andrea Jentzen, Ronda Kosman, Jill LeGasse, Tim Milligan, Jackie Moore, Betsy Morgan,

Also, Tiffany Nameth, Judy Newhall, Heidi Newton, James Patti, Michelle Racine, Cheryl Sharp, Sue Varholak, Pat Watters, Susannah White, Susan Winiarski.

GRADE 9

High Honors: Marsha Anastasia, Brian Casinghino, Beth Clark, Lynn Kolnsberg, Thomas Naughton (all A's), Gregory Packard (all A's), Ellen Seger, and Eric Valdes.

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GRADE 10

High Honors: Carl Casinghino (all A's), Cathleen Hamborg, Marilyn Jentzen, Caroline Kriss, Marla Markowski, Kim Pearson, Audra Philippon, Mary Beth Prew, Jill Woodworth, Michelle Wrisley, and Carol Zaczynski.

General Honors: Steven Auerbach, Karen Austin, Maria Basdekis, Laurie Bennett, Kevin Carney, Annabel Carrasco, Deborah Case, Cheryl Champion, Douglas Colson, Jennifer Colson, Robin Colson, Matt Coppolo, Raymond Daddario, Michelle Dion, Penny Forbes, Katherine Guillemette, Amanda Hastings,

Also, Robin Hyde, Kathryn Kavanagh, Kathleen Komer, Nancy Kulina, Dorine Lecuyer, Carol Lennon, Mary Ann Liss, Lori Luff, Steven Lyons, Timothy Maloney, Kimberly Millick, Daniel Pizzoferrato, Cort Wilson, and Peter Winiarski

GRADE 11

High Honors: Kristine Binder, Jeffrey Brackett, Rose Cicero, Earl Colson, Joanne Gardocki, Christine Hamborg, Christopher Lafond, Darlene Maiolo, and Clifford Pawelcik.

General Honors: Jeff Bollinger, Mark Burton, Christine Callaghan, William Caswell, John Cervione, Margaret Colturi, Randi Demers, Gina Fielder, Russell Fricke, Sabrina Gildersleeve, Elizabeth Ann Golec, Elisabeth Gooch, Sandra Kelly, Catherine Kriss

Also, David LaDuke, Dawn Lecuyer, Richard Lindau, Bret Lynch, Laurie Martin, Kevin McCarter, Stephanie Melillo, Jonathan Morse, William Nadeau, Donna Openheimer, Joseph Regan, David Schulte, and Laurie Varholak.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Clementina Blickarz, Tracy Kope, Eliza Leventis, Debbie Murzyn, Michele Pender, and John Rollet.

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Bridge Street Pupils Hear Tales Of Far East By Foreign Students

By Connie Davis

Suffield: First- and second-graders at Bridge Street School hosted two Suffield Academy students from faraway lands for an afternoon last Wednesday.

Fereshteh Mehran pointed out her native Iran on a world map and told the youngsters about the different alphabet used in her country. She wrote her name, which she said means "angel," on the blackboard in flowing, right-to-left strokes and then helped several eager volunteers from the audience copy a few simple words, such as her name and words for "mother" and "father."

Fereshteh explained to the children that in Iran boys usually play soccer or ball games for fun and girls usually play hopscotch or jump rope for physical activity.

The first- and second-graders enjoyed handling the shirt, vest, and shoes Fereshteh brought to display what was worn for clothing in Iran.

Fereshteh informed the children that rice is the main food staple in her country, and natives prepare all kinds of sauces to go along with it. She added, though, that they also eat meat, french fries, hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and have McDonalds in Iran.

Binh Diep, another student from Suffield Academy, told the children that he is Chinese from VietNam. He also pointed out his country to them on the map.

Binh explained that because his country is so hot, boys shave their heads and girls keep their hair quite short. He wrote a few words using brush and ink to demonstrate to the children Chinese writing, which goes from right to left. Even though difficult, several children imitated his characters.

Binh explained that rice is the main food in VietNam as well as in Iran, and he demonstrated how to eat with chopsticks. He also played a game involving a ball thrown into the air in which he tried to pick up as many chopsticks as he could before the ball bounced.

Another trick he showed students was how a jump-rope can be made by looping rubber bands together, one inside of another. In using this device in a game, he explained that children try to jump over the rope,

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BINH DIEP from Vietnam and FERESHTEH MEHRAN from Iran talk to Bridge Street first and second graders about their native lands. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

jumping higher and higher with each attempt. He pointed to a button on his shirt and he indicated that some children even manage to jump chest high.

Binh related instances using crickets fighting for fun. He pointed out that finding them is a little dangerous because they hide behind rocks, which is also where snakes hide. He said children carry crickets in matchboxes and nearly every day have fights in which one cricket is put down, then another and they fight. The best fighter is king.

Fereshteh modeled a colorful red satin kimono, her native dress, and Binh displayed a cotton jacket worn in VietNam. Both of these foreign students treated the interested first- and second-graders to a most enjoyable learning experience.

52-21. The Celtics were led by Todd Cook with 33 points while Billy Lis led with 18 points.

On Sunday, February 21, the Rec Center hosted Westfield for two inter-town games.

The Rec Center's 4th, 5th, and 6th grade team was defeated by Westfield, 31-17.

Southwick's 7th and 8th grade team defeated Westfield, 60-52. There was even scoring for the Southwick team with both Billy Richards and Todd Cook canning 12 points, Mark Tyrprowicz netted 10 and Kevin Zomek chipped in with 9.

Although the Rec Center was unable to get enough basketball coaches to enter the suburban league, we are pleased and appreciate the fact that the boys can play in the inter-town games.



Recreation Center News

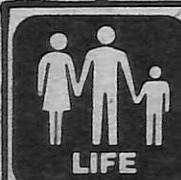
By Cindy Meany-Massai

The Southwick Rec Center is presenting a G-rated "space age" movie at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th at the Rec Center. The admission fee for children 16 years old and younger will be 50 cents and adults will be charged 75 cents. Nickel bags of pop corn and dime sodas will be available as refreshments. The Rec Center would like to see a lot of children and parents spend the afternoon together at the movies. It will be loads of fun!

The Rec Center's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade basketball league had an exciting game on Thursday, February 18th. The Sixers beat the Hawks, 48-40 with Mark Tyrprowicz of the Sixers scoring a big 40 points.

The Sixers overcame a Hawks' half-time advantage of 14 points and went on to score their victory over the previously undefeated Hawks. Both teams are now tied with 3-1 records.

In other basketball action, the Celtics beat the



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Stuart Fuller
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The Guidance Office has just received a supply of financial aid materials which may be loaned to students. "The A's and B's of Academic Scholarships" and "Don't Miss Out" may be borrowed from counselors and are recommended reading for those seeking financial assistance.

Dot Richey, our guidance intern, reports that students who have taken the vocational interest tests are pleased with the insight they have gained - before course selections are made for next year. Others might want to consider taking them as an aid to making after-graduation plans. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with Ms. Richey if interested.

College-bound juniors will most likely be taking SAT's at Suffield High in May. In order to register for these tests, registration forms (which are available in the Guidance Office) must be sent directly to the testing service. March 26th is the registration deadline.

Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches may also be able to receive a fee waiver and should see their counselors if they think they may qualify. Juniors considering "early decision" applications to particular schools should also be cautioned that there are special requirements and a meeting with their counselors should be held as soon as possible to avoid mistakes.

A word to the wise - about one-third of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have not yet made scheduling appointments; those who don't may not get what they want for courses next year.

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following seniors on their acceptances to various colleges.

John Bertolini, to Merrimack College; Kathy Christian, to Western New England; Leigh Dudek, to Case Western; Mike Frey, to Penn State; Mike DeLeeuw, to Stevens Inst. Tech.; John Kulas, to Bryant; Tom Morrison, to New England College; Rick McCarty, to Central; Debbie Murzyn, to University of Hartford, where she plans to attend.

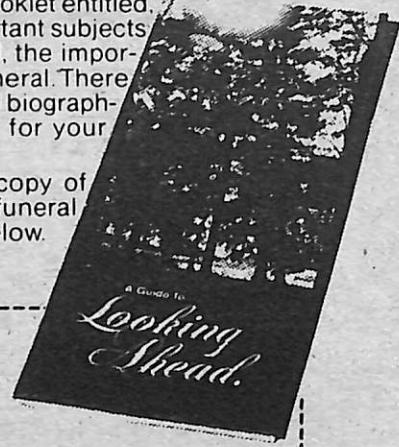
Also, Don Miskin, to Western New England, where he plans to attend; Nancy Shaughnessy, to Assumption and Salve Regina; Tammy Waterman, to Chapman College; Kurt Stephens, to Western New England; and Sue Markowski, to University of Hartford and to Westfield State, where she plans to attend.

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MEMBERS OF THE 1981-82 SOUTHWICK HIGH GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL team who ended with a 13-5 overall record are, back row, from left; Robin Schools, Avola Brown, Vicky Towle, Jesse Hanson, Pam Kirsche. Front row; Kim Hepburn, Emma Brunton, Cindy Lapan, Kim Florek, Karen Schulz, Allison Hiers and Karen Friss. Missing from photo - Coach Jim Vincent. Advertiser/News, photo by John Loftus.



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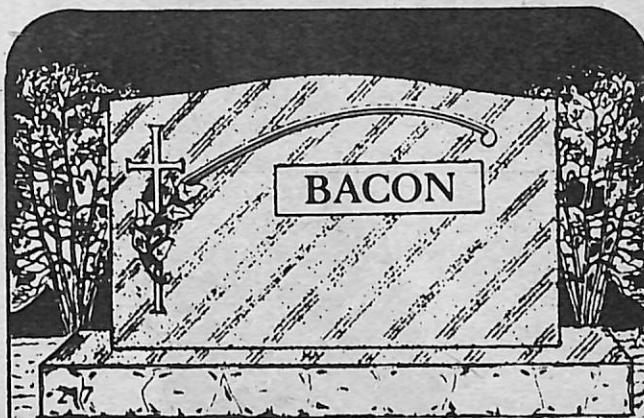
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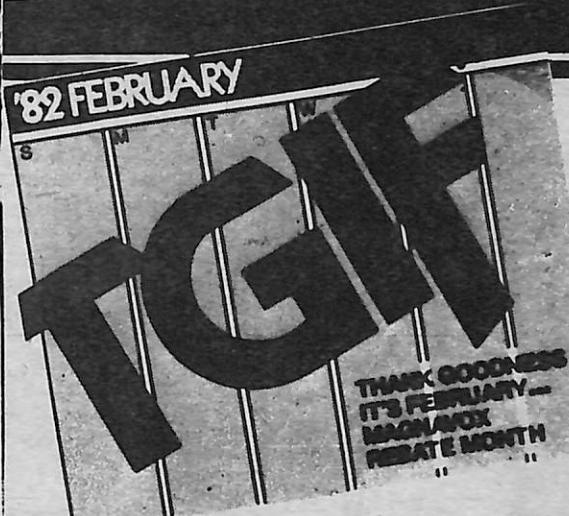
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Southwick Gals Fall From Tourney, 48-41 To Monument Mt.

By Chris Hout

Ninth seeded Monument Mountain of Great Barrington knocked off eight seeded Southwick, 48-41 in opening round action of the Division III schoolgirl basketball tournament Wednesday night in Southwick.

Though playing without the services of standout center Christina Leblanc (18.3 points, 15 rebounds per game), the visitors never trailed.

Jennifer Race led her team with 11 points, Ingrid Hagberg chipped in with 10 and Holly Soule had 8.

"It was evident from the start that Southwick faced a long, frustrating evening.

The Rams missed five lay-ups, two free throws and committed three turnovers before the game was two minutes old.

"That was the indication that we were in for a long night," said Southwick coach Jim Vincent afterwards. "We had stonewingers all night."

The Rams, who committed a horrendous 37 turnovers in the game, turned the ball over 15 times in the first quarter but trailed by just four, 12-8.

Avola Brown (3 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal), forward Karen Schulz (3 points, 1 assist, 1 steal) and Cindy Lapan (2 points) kept the bumbling Rams close.

Southwick narrowed the gap to one (18-17) late in the second session before Monument rounded out the half with a 6-0 run to take a 25-17 lead into the locker room.

The second half belonged to Southwick's heart-and-soul, Kim Florek.

The senior guard scored 17 of her game high 18 points in the final two quarters. Florek continuously brought Southwick within striking range but never at an even keel.

Florek closed the Monument gap to 31-29 on a lay-up with under a minute left in the third quarter only to see the visitors bump their lead back up to 36-29.

She again gave the locals life with her three point play early in the fourth stanza (36-32). Following a Monument hoop, Florek struck again making it 38-34.

Down again 40-34, Florek made it 40-36 with a driving layup. She gave the Rams their last life of the night and the season when she sank both ends of a one-in-one situation (42-39) with under two minutes to play.

"Kim played a super game tonight," said Vincent. "She along with everyone else looked a little shaky in the first half but she really took control in the second. She's a good one."

Asked if the outcome can be considered an upset, Vincent responded, "No, I don't think it was at all. Monument played a much tougher schedule all year. They hit the open man and execute very well. We are not loaded with talented basketball players. We had to scratch and claw for everything we got this year."

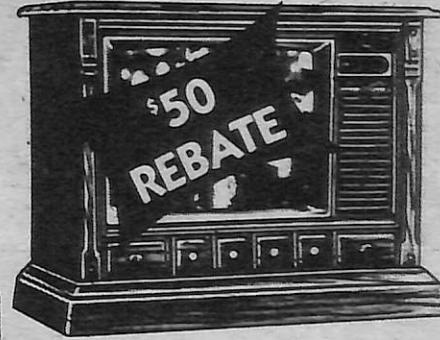
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Suffield Girls End Long Season; Look To Improve Next Year

By Dawn Cummock

Suffield High's girls' basketball team ended their season last Friday, February 19 with an overall record of 1-19. Their record doesn't tell the whole story, however.

One factor making the team weak this year was their inexperience. The team consisted of two freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors. One of the two freshman, Julie Sullivan, was a key figure for the Wildcats, averaging 9 points and 5 rebounds a game.

Another key starter was junior Missy Wentworth. Missy, the team captain, was the leading point-getter for Suffield, averaging 15 points as well as 9 rebounds and 4 steals per outing. Missy acted as the team leader and offered both verbal and mental support. Her individual talent was a great asset in a long and tough season.

Suffield's inexperience took its toll against the more seasoned high school powers. Suffield's individual talent was adequate but not being able to work as a group hurt them.

A big plus not to be overlooked for Suffield was their improving as the season progressed. At the outset, the team usually trailed by a wide margin in the first quarter. By the season's end, they were able to be competitive through the first half. Another improvement was apparent in the girls' scoring.

Up until the last five games, the team averaged approximately 40 points per outing and ended up averaging 49 points for their last five games. The Wildcats scored 51 points, their season high, in the last game against Somers.

The season finale also marked the first time Suffield had balanced scoring, something they consistently lacked throughout the season.

While the team failed to come close to their goal of a .500 season, their constant improvement and energy will show next season when the experience factor becomes less and less evident.

Suffield Skaters Ready For Turney

By Rick McCarty

The Suffield High varsity hockey team collected two consecutive victories as they prepared for the CIAC Division I state tournament.

Recording two shutout wins was junior netminder Brian Dion. Dion made cat-quick saves that enabled the Wildcats to defeat Wethersfield by a 3-0 margin. Several times Dion was forced to make successive saves as the Wethersfield club badly needed the victory to qualify for the tournament.

Goals for Suffield were registered by John Bertolini, (just 13 seconds into the game), junior center Billy Carney (with 2:00 left in the opening period), and an empty-netter by senior winger John Gallant with two seconds left to play.

Against the East Catholic Eagles, Suffield was again aided by a stellar performance by Dion. Also spurring the Wildcat defense was Bertolini who is playing the "best defense in the area," according to opposing coaches.

Before entering the powerful Division I tourney, Suffield warms up with Rockville and Enfield Fermi in their last two games of the season.



ALTHOUGH THE GIRLS REPRESENTING SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ON THE BASKETBALL FLOOR may have been short in the win column for the 1981-82 season, the next few years should show marked improvement as younger players who lacked the experience this season will no longer be affected by that problem as their varsity careers progress. In photo, back row, from left; Shellie Cicero, Marie Watter, Lisa Gebhart, Teresa Coggins, Beth Glime, Julie Sullivan, Sharon Regan, and Coach Barbara Novak. Front row, Kathy Kavanaugh, Louann Charbonneau, Shelly Smith, Missy Wentworth, Pam Norcross and Debbie Lowns.

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Loss To East Granby Pushes Suffield Cagers Out Of Tourney

By Rick McCarty

The East Granby Crusaders thwarted the Suffield Wildcats tournament bid with a convincing 66-56 win at Suffield on Tuesday, February 23. For the young Wildcats, however, all was not lost.

"We've come a long way from 30 point blowouts," said five-year coach Fran Aniello. In the beginning of the season, Suffield suffered four consecutive defeats by substantial margins.

In the East Granby game, Suffield was led by David Simmons and Roger Hawes with 24 points. Senior captain David Simmons had 14 points and freshman guard Ted Lyon canned 10 markers. What hurt the Wildcats was poor foul shooting. Suffield made only four of twenty from the charity stripe.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats lost at Ellington and won at Somers. Playing a stall offense against NCCC leading Ellington, Suffield led by five late in the third quarter. However, the outshooting marksmanship of senior Jeff Coleman and Darryl Lotz, pulled the Purple Knights from the clutches of a big upset. For the Wildcats, Hawes netted 14 points and sophomore guard Eddie Angelero played an outstanding defensive game.

At Somers, the Wildcats led throughout most of the game, but needed two foul shots and a basket by Hawes with 20 seconds remaining to take a 54-50 win over the Spartans. Simmons had 14 points and also turned in a fine defensive effort.

Suffield ends its season with a game at Windsor Locks.

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Southwick Cagers Advance, 61-51

By Chris Hout

Eighth seeded Southwick High advanced into the quarter-finals of the Division III schoolboy basketball tournament by knocking off ninth ranked Monson, 61-51 Tuesday night at Southwick.

The win was the first tournament appearance for the Southwick cagers in four years. They now go on to face top seeded Easthampton (20-0) Friday night at Easthampton.

"We having nothing to lose on Friday," said Southwick coach Bob Lawless at press time. "We know what we're going up against, but we are going into the game nice and loose."

Forward David Reed, guard Todd Tyrowicz and center Allan Swanson combined for 45 points in the victory over Monson.

Reed, who scored a game high 17 points, engineered a 15-4 Southwick run late in the first half with 11 points to put the locals in the command car.

The senior forward has now scored 72 points in his last four games. Reed also grabbed nine boards and five steals in the first round win.

Tyrowicz registered 14 points, 7 assists and three steals in his first game back as point guard, and Swanson pumped in 13 points while grabbing 7 off the glass and recording 5 blocked shots.

"The whole team was really worked up tonight," said Lawless, "especially Swanson. I tried all night to

calm him down but I couldn't. We were so worked up that it was hard for us to get into the flow of the game."

Southwick jumped to a 16-11 first quarter lead. Swanson led the charge with 7 points and Tyrowicz tossed in four.

Monson fought back to come within two (22-20) before the Rams, led by Reed's 11 points, went on their 15-4 run with 3:26 left in the half.

Swanson and John Rapacki each added two points in the spurt as Southwick carried a commanding 37-24 lead into the lockerroom.

The third quarter, however, was all Monson as Southwick could manage just three field goals and a free throw in the entire eight minute session and Monson crawled back into it, 44-36.

"We were hit hard again by the third quarter blues," Lawless would later say. "I just don't understand it. Every game this year it seems as though we've had a lousy third quarter."

Any thoughts of a total second half laspe were quickly silenced in the fourth frame. Freshman Jim Bruno (6 points), Rapacki, Tyrowicz and Bruno again connected on field goals to fuel Southwick's lead to 52-36.

The Rams took their biggest lead of the game in this confidence-builder later when Tyrowicz dropped one from the key to make it 60-42 with 1:10 remaining.

New Shoplifting Law

Shoplifting is a national epidemic. It's reported that \$3.5 billion in merchandise is stolen from stores every year. Statistics say one person in ten is a shoplifter, and losses are 2-4% of total sales, enough to cancel out profits for many stores.

Young people under 18 make up more than half of all shoplifters. Girls greatly outnumber boys. Also, most come from middle-income, suburban families and can afford the items they steal.

There are basic reasons people shoplift: 1) Some people have a real economic need, like the poor people who take food and clothing to meet physical needs or addicts whose craving compels them to steal;

2) Psychological needs which people who steal do not even understand. Shoplifting is often a sign of emotional problems;

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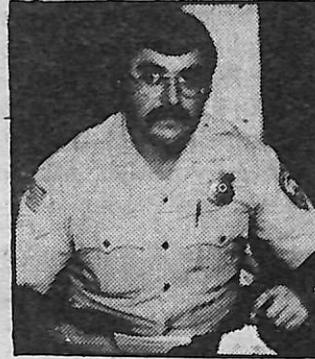
Shoplifting hurts not only the guilty party, but his family, the community, the stores, and all of us pay for it in the end.

Effective March 10th in Massachusetts, additional laws on shoplifting will take effect. For example, you can be charged for removing price tags and putting on lower ones. If you succeed in getting to the cash register and a friend tries to aid you by passing through the items knowing them to be of higher value, the cashiers can be charged also.

You can be detained within the store and questioned by store agents employed for security purposes who, in turn, can contact police who may arrest without a warrant for this offense.

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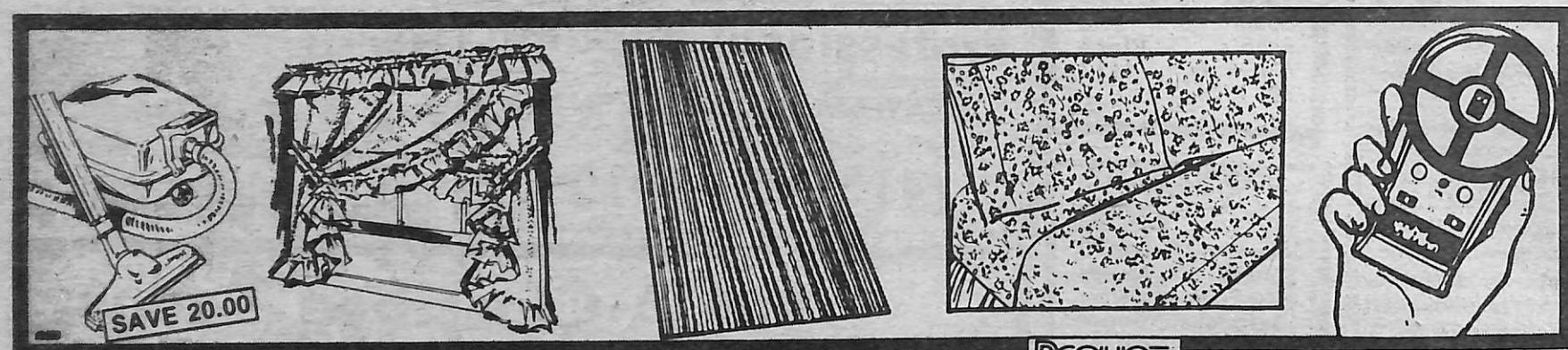
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